

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, October 5, 2021 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors Chris Bellamy, Nick Seifert (Energy Committee member)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Guardrail proposal

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes from August 31 and September 21.

**Culvert request:** Chris Bellamy explained that his property collects water during rain storms and the water stays for a few days. He would like to have a culvert under the Eaton Cemetery Road, to divert the water to the other side of the road. Bobbi explained that the road crew feels that a culvert would benefit the town, but they would need to cut the berm and also trim trees and brush. The Selectboard agreed that the Road Crew can do what they feel is best.

**Solar:** Nick Seifert explained the two different scenarios that could be considered for additional solar. One system is an off-taking scenario. The Town would decide how much of a credit they want on our power bill. The Town would pay approximately 90% of the credit to the solar developer, and the Town would save approximately 10% of the credits, for a term of 20 to 25 years. The developer would receive the tax credits. For a system that we would own, potentially on the roof of the picnic shelter, we would pay for 18 panels. They would produce approximately 7800 kwh per year, at a cost of approximately \$24,400 dollars.

Nick will research whether the developer has experience with other towns entering multi-year agreements, he will do a cost/benefit analysis between the two scenarios, and he will check whether there is a permit that the town could get to allow us to add solar to the town garage parcel. The Old Schoolhouse is a separate parcel, but it may be preferable to put the picnic shelter on the larger parcel.

Rich Baker will contact Rich Nicol about the tracker that is currently flat.

**Fuel Bids:** The Board received the following bids:

	Propane Floating	Propane Fixed	Diesel Floating	Diesel Fixed	Heating Floating	Heating Fixed
Bourne			3.0125			2.865
Gillespie	<b>2.30625</b>	2.3	<b>2.684</b>		<b>2.574</b>	2.63
Dead River			2.8155	2.96	2.7165	2.84

Rich moved to choose Gillespie's floating prices for diesel, heating oil, and propane. Chris seconded – all in favor.

**ARPA:** The Selectboard signed a resolution to open a new account with the Credit Union of Vermont for the ARPA funds. They decided to have the interest allocated to the general fund.

The Board discussed the best way to get public feedback. They brainstormed possible projects.

**Guardrail:** There was an accident on Cabot Road and guardrail was damaged. The Board signed a proposal to hire Vermont Recreational to replace it.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 5, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.

A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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